

Here I Am Small Group Discussion Questions

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Sunday, February 20th 2022



Sermon Title: Here I Am

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 40:6-8; Proverbs 3:5-6; Acts 9:10-18

Sermon Focus: Several times in the Bible we read of where God spoke to his followers, and then they responded with a submissive phrase that revealed a willingness and a desire to obey his word: "Here I am." These simple words reflect a heart that is set on pleasing God and surrendering to his wisdom and will, no matter the risk or the cost. Listen as Pastor David invites us to trust our loving God and seek his plan for our lives.

Thank you for going deeper in conversation with your small group in person, by phone, or video call. Use the following questions to help *guide* your small group discussion:

1. Read Isaiah 6:1-8 together. The prophet Isaiah uses a phrase that other biblical characters have used to signify their submission and surrender to God's will and plan for their lives. While you may not have had a temple experience like Isaiah, tell of a time when you have experienced and responded to God's voice with an expression of surrender. What did God say to you? How did you respond?
2. Words like "submit" and "submission" trigger some negative emotions and reactions. Why is that? How have these concepts been abused? After some discussion on that, discuss how we can recover a *balanced* biblical view of submitting (yielding) to God, husbands/wives, church leadership, etc.
3. Think about all the men and women in the Bible who surrendered to the Lord and his will for their lives. Who are the most inspiring for you and why?
4. Pastor David invited us to think about extremes. For example, we had a bad experience with "submission" or a church that discouraged authenticity, so we moved into the other ditch of theology and practice. Are you aware of your own tendency to do this in life and in the life of the church? Where do you see this happening? Give examples of how you see this at work today.
5. Read Proverbs 3:5-6 together. Whether you've followed the Lord for many years or you've become a Christian more recently, how have you experienced the truth of this passage? Also, share how God may be inviting you to trust him now.
6. Be honest with your group. What challenges are you experiencing right now? Are you being intentional with letting God meet you in them and speak to you?
7. How do you need to humble yourself before God? What would it look like for you to submit and surrender to him in your challenging situation or calling? After sharing with the group, take some time to pray for each other.